

## SNOM Award Guidelines

Each year the School Nurse Association of Minnesota is proud to recognize its outstanding members in the categories below. To nominate a SNOM member simply complete the Nomination Form. ***Nominations postmarked by April 1, 2011 are eligible for consideration.*** Send nomination forms to: SNOM Awards Committee, c/o Mary Jo Martin, 16330 Gladys Lane, Minnetonka, MN, 55345.

A candidate application form will be mailed to nominees upon receipt of your completed nomination form. ***Candidate application packets must be post marked by May 15, 2011 to be considered.***

The Awards Committee reviews and scores the nomination folders. Committee members will not score candidates from their own district or that they nominated. Selection of recipient will be announced by the Executive Board to the SNOM Board at the August board meeting. The SNOM President will telephone selected nominee. The President and Chair will notify the recipient and all other nominees of the results by mail. The award will be presented at the SNOM Annual Conference.

The decision of the Committee is final and not open to appeal. All ballots will be destroyed upon notification of the selected nominee.

### SNOM SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR

This award is to publicly recognize school nurses in Minnesota by annually honoring one school nurse who demonstrated excellence in school nursing practice and leadership in school health. Anyone can submit a nomination. Information packets will be given to the nominee after they have been notified that they have been nominated. Nominees must be current members of SNOM, and of the preceding two years with no membership lapse. The nominee must have completed five years experience in school nursing, and currently practice as a school nurse. More than 60% of the nominee's time must be spent in direct care. Nominee may not be an officer of SNOM at the time of the nomination. Evidence of excellence in school nursing practice must be based on the NASN's Standards of Professional School Nursing Practice (2005).

### SNOM SCHOOL NURSE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

The intent of this award is to publicly recognize school nurse administrators by annually honoring one administrator who administers and coordinates quality school nursing services and health programs. The nominee must be a member of SNOM for the current and preceding five years without lapse in membership. The nominee must have completed five years experience as a school nurse. The nominee must currently practice as a school nurse administrator and have as their main responsibility the supervision, administration, and coordination of nursing service and health programs. Nominee may not be an officer of SNOM at the time of nomination. Evidence of excellence in school nursing administration must be based on ANA Scope and Standards for Nurse Administrators.

### RETIRED SCHOOL NURSE

This award of recognition goes to a current or former SNOM member who has officially retired from a school nurse position and has an ongoing interest in the organization.

## HONORARY MEMBER

Individuals recognized for distinguished service to SNOM or to school nursing are eligible for nomination in the honorary membership category. Any member may propose to the Board of Directors a nominee for honorary membership. Honorary members enjoy all of the privileges of membership except those of holding elective office or voting.

## SNOM SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Special recognition is awarded to individual members or groups, which may include non-members, to recognize outstanding leadership and contributions to programs that positively influence the health of Minnesota schoolchildren.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES ACADEMY OF FELLOWS

SNOM members who are current NASN Fellows may nominate candidates who are invited to apply for NASN Fellow. An Honor of the highest recognition that members can receive from NASN bestowed on the Association's professional members who have made significant, unique, and extraordinary achievements that have had broad influence in contributing to the advancement of the specialty practice of school nursing and NASN. The SNOM Board of Directors and Executive Committee provide letters of support to SNOM members as they apply to become an NASN Fellow.